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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH POLISH MINISTER FRACKIEWICZ

1. POLISH MINISTER FRACKIEWICZ INVITED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SULLIVAN TO LUNCH APRIL 19 TO DISCUSS CURRENT INDOCHINA SITUATION. ALTHOUGH HE BEGAN DISCUSSION WITH LENGTHY APOLOGIA FOR HANOI LEADERSHIP (WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS " CAVE- MAN COMMUNISTS") HE DID NOT RPT NOT MAKE ANY EFFORT TO DISPUTE SULLIVAN' S REBUTTALS.

2. INSTEAD, HE FOCUSSED ON POLISH DILEMMA ON ICCS AND ASKED WHAT WE REALLY EXPECTED POLES AND HUNGARIANS COULD ACCOMPLISH. SULLIVAN SAID THAT WE HAD NO RPT NO ILLUSIONS THAT ICCS COULD FUNCTION AS A POLICE FORCE IN VIET- NAM.

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WE REALIZED THAT ONLY VIETNAMESE PARTIES COULD ENFORCE THE CEASE- FIRE. HOWEVER, IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, DRV/ PRG WERE LITERALLY ABLE TO MAKE ICCS AN ACCOMPLICE TO THEIR VIOLATIONS BECAUSE THEY COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON POLES AND HUNGARIANS TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO THEM. NET RESULT WAS THAT BOTH POLES AND HUNGARIANS LOOKED STUPID IN THEIR PERFORMANCE. THEY WERE MADE TO TAKE INCREDIBLE POSITIONS ON BEHALF OF PETTY, MARGINAL, AND SENSELESS DRV DEPREDATIONS.

3. WE KNEW THAT MANY POLISH AND HUNGARIAN REPRESENTATIVES ON ICCS FELT ASHAMED OF THEIR OWN CRAVEN BEHAVIOR AND WE ASSUMED SENIOR POLISH OFFICIALS IN WARSAW FELT THE SAME WAY. WHAT WE EXPECTED OF THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS WAS TO INSTRUCT THEIR DELEGATIONS TO TAKE OBJECTIVE AND HONORABLE STANDS ON THE FACTS AS THEY KNEW THEM TO BE, THUS MAKING THE ICCS AN HONEST PEACEKEEPING INSTRUMENT. WE FELT THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD DEMONSTRATE TO HANOI THAT THE ICCS COULD BE COUNTED ON NOT RPT NOT TO PROSTITUTE ITSELF TO DRV VIOLATIONS AND WOULD INDUCE HANOI TO RESPECT PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT.

4. FRACKIEWICZ ACCEPTED THIS RATHER BLUNT FORMULATION WITH GOOD GRACE AND REFRAINED FROM ANY ACCUSATIONS AGAINST U. S., GVN, OR CANADA. HE MERELY STATED THAT WASILEWSKI HAD BEEN ON SERIOUS CONSULTATIONS IN WARSAW, WOULD RETURN TO SAIGON IN TIME TO BE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, AND HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE CONSTRUCTIVE AND OBJECTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIS TASK.

5. COMMENT: FRACKIEWICZ WAS SURPRISINGLY MILD IN HIS APPROACH, PARTICULARLY IN HIS DEFENSE OF HANOI. HE COUCHED HIS STATEMENTS IN THE FORM OF AN APPEAL FOR UNDERSTANDING OF POLISH DIFFICULTIES RATHER THAN IN FORM OF AN EXCUSE FOR PAST ACTIONS. HE APPEARED TO WISH TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT POLISH CONDUCT WOULD IMPROVE IN THE FUTURE. PORTER

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